

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. W. DWIGHT ARMSTRONG FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS CEO OF THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION AND FOUNDATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. W. Dwight Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the National FFA Organization and Foundation. For the past several years, Dwight has devoted his life to providing an exceptional educational experience to young leaders interested in agriculture. Located in Indianapolis, Indiana, the National FFA Center is home to the National FFA Organization, an organization committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education, and the National FFA Foundation, which builds partnerships with industry, education, government, foundations and individuals to secure resources for the future of education, agriculture and student leader development. The National FFA Organization and Foundation flourished immensely under Dwight's strong leadership and the Hoosier community is forever grateful for his dedication to our country's future leaders.

Dwight has demonstrated a lifetime passion for agriculture and the growth of our country. Growing up on a small farm right outside of Kuttawa, Kentucky, his love for agriculture began at a young age. He attended Lyon County High School, where he was an active leader in the National FFA Organization. Upon graduating high school, he went on to pursue higher education in this vital field of study. He received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Murray State University in 1971. After receiving his bachelor's, Dwight relocated to the Hoosier state to attend Purdue University, where he received his Master's and PhD in Animal Science in 1973 and 1975, respectively.

Before he began his tenure with the National FFA Organization and Foundation, he served in a number of positions that helped prepare him for his role as the leader of the National FFA. From 1975 to 1982, Dwight served as faculty in the Animal Sciences Department at North Carolina State University and was engaged with teaching, research, and extension work in swine nutrition. From 1982–2000, he held a number of leadership roles and eventually became President at Ackey Inc. in Ohio, a company providing nutritional solutions for animals and livestock throughout the United States. When Ackey was acquired by Provimi, a public company based out of the Netherlands, Dwight continued progressing with the company. From 2000 to 2008, Dwight served as CEO of North American Nutrition Companies, Director of the Americas, and eventually became Vice President of the Global Group. In this last role, he lived in the Netherlands and had operational responsibilities for Provimi's businesses in the Americas, France and Switzerland, and also served as a global innovation leader.

In 2008, he retired from Provimi and started his own consulting business with a focus on animal nutrition and agribusiness, and finally,

in 2009, Dwight joined the National FFA Organization as its COO and was later named CEO. In 2014, he was also named CEO of the National FFA Foundation and served both the Organization and the Foundation in a joint appointment.

Dwight's extensive and diverse background in the agriculture world made him an impeccable candidate to lead the National FFA. During his seven-year tenure, he has overseen an era of dramatic growth and success. Under his leadership, the organization increased participation exponentially and achieved an all-time record high membership of 629,367. This increase in student participation led to a vast increase in attendance at the National FFA Convention & Expo, making it the largest annual student gathering in the nation. He also solidified close collaboration and complementary strategic direction for both the National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation. The National FFA Foundation achieved record results in their annual fundraising efforts and campaigns. These notable records set under Dwight's guidance exemplify the significant and essential contributions he made to both the National FFA Organization and Foundation.

Dwight's success as a leader in agriculture and astonishing dedication to our future farmers and leaders has not gone unnoticed. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award from Purdue (1995), American Society of Animal Science Fellow Award (2000), Outstanding Agriculture Alumni Award from Murray State University (2002), Honorary American FFA Degree (2005), National FFA VIP Award (2006), Distinguished Alumnus Award from Murray State University (2007), and the Distinguished Service Award from the American Feed Industry Association (2009). Due to his outstanding guidance and service, he has been asked to serve on a variety of agricultural and not-for-profit boards throughout the years, including the American Society of Animal Science board (1996–1998), Animal Agricultural Alliance board of trustees (1998–2001), American Feed Industry Association board (1998–2001), National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board (2000–2005), Professional Services board (2009–present), Mathile Institute board (2011–present), and Shoulder to Shoulder board (2012–present).

Agriculture is an essential part of not only our nation, but the entire world. Dwight has made a remarkable impression on the world of agriculture and the future leaders of our great nation. He left a legacy of success that will continue to be seen through the work and efforts of our young farmers and future leaders for decades to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I'd like to congratulate Dwight on his noteworthy career and extend a huge thank you for all the wonderful contributions he has made to the Hoosier community and our country as a whole. I wish the very best to Dwight, his wife, Judy, and their family as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
SUSAN TOLCHIN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to remember the life of Susan J. Tolchin, someone whom I had the privilege to work with and who I had long admired for her curiosity, her judgment, and her concern for others.

An ardent feminist, who along with her husband Marty, brought attention to the plight of middle-class working women, a class of Americans often overlooked and rarely chronicled, Susan and Marty authored several books together, all of which highlighted the mechanisms that the Tolchin's considered "occupational hazards of democracy."

As an author and a professor, Susan focused on and scrutinized political patronage and its many pitfalls, and was one of the first political scientists to identify growing voter disenchantment and disillusion with their government. She wisely concluded that these concerns were deeply rooted in the women's and worker's rights issues, largely discounted and ignored by policymakers, but which she sought to highlight through her teaching and writings.

In her seminal and sage work on political patronage, Susan redefined political patronage as that which "includes the vast range of favors awarded by constantly expanding governments." Likewise, her work on evolving voter anger was cutting-edge analysis, far ahead of her peers.

For those who had the fortune to know her, Susan was an engaging and charming conversationalist, with a natural curiosity and ability to learn from others. She was always learning and seeking new ideas, and applying this knowledge to her scholarship in the classroom and in her writings in political journals, magazines and books.

Susan's legacy of scholarship has provided those of us who also champion women's and laborers' rights with a critical knowledge base. Her work was inspirational, and insightful, and helped me and many others to understand trends and the undercurrents that caused them which others might have missed.

Susan was not only dedicated to struggles of the working, middle-class women, but also to her family, whom she loved dearly. She and her husband Martin worked closely together for many decades, authoring many books. She adored her daughter Karen, also a professor, and their charming grandson, Charlie. The tragic loss of their son Charles from a series of health setbacks in 2003 was a show of strength, love and compassion, how a supportive family rallies behind a son in need, with courage and resilience.

They were quite a team, Susan and Marty, always joyful and supportive of each other, in the best of times and in challenging times.

Those who were fortunate to have known and loved Susan, or who had followed her work, will miss her terribly. Her passion was an inspiration for many, and one can only hope that her passing will not be the last chapter of her story, but that she will continue to inspire countless others. She certainly inspired me.

I submit the following list of books authored or co-authored by Susan Tolchin.

'To the Victor: Political Patronage from the Clubhouse to the White House', 1971 by Susan Tolchin and Martin Tolchin.

'Clout: Womanpower and Politics', 1974 by Susan Tolchin and Martin Tolchin.

'Dismantling America: The Rush to De-regulate', 1985 by Susan Tolchin and Martin Tolchin.

'Buying into America', 1988 by Susan Tolchin and Martin Tolchin.

'Selling Our Security', 1993 by Susan Tolchin and Martin Tolchin.

'The Angry American: How Voter Rage Is Changing the Nation', 1998 by Susan Tolchin.

'A World Ignited: How Apostles of Ethnic, Religious, and Racial Hatred Torch the Globe', 2007 by Susan Tolchin and Martin Tolchin.

'Glass Houses: Congressional Ethics And The Politics of Venom', 2009, by Susan Tolchin and Martin Tolchin.

'Introduction to American Government', 2013 By Brigid Harrison, Jean Harris, Susan Tolchin.

'Pinstripe Patronage', 2015, by Susan Tolchin and Martin Tolchin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 335 I am not recorded because of travel delays due to inclement weather in the DC area.

Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

RECOGNIZING DR. BARBARA RISSER

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Barbara Risser on her retirement and recognize her outstanding career in the field of higher education.

Dr. Risser has served as president of Finger Lakes Community College since 2007. During her tenure, she oversaw a major renovation project that drastically improved the college's campus, introduced new initiatives to grow the size of the student body, and secured funding to enhance the college's academic programs. As a result of her efforts, FLCC was recently recognized as one of the fastest growing community colleges in the country.

As president of FLCC, Dr. Risser launched an active strategic planning process and developed strong ties with our local community. She established an advisory committee of K-12 superintendents and expanded the services offered to local high school students. In recognition of her efforts, the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce honored Dr. Risser with the Athena Award for professional excellence and leadership.

For nearly four decades, Dr. Risser has worked to ensure that young people have the skills and knowledge necessary to enter the workforce and achieve success. Prior to beginning her tenure as the fourth president of FLCC, Dr. Risser served for 28 years as a professor and administrator at Onondaga Community College.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Barbara Risser on her successful career and wishing her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, on June 21, 2016, I was not present for roll call vote number 334, 335, and 336 due to weather-related travel delays returning to Washington from Kansas. If I had been in attendance, I would have voted yes on roll call votes 334, 335, and 336.

ANGIE'S STORY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, Angie LeGore was a beautiful girl with a heart of gold and a smile that would light up a room. She loved to sing and would sing with her mother in church. Angie loved dressing up and she loved dressing in jeans and wrestling in the dirt with her brothers. Because of her character, compassion and listening ear, children with troubles were attracted to Angie. She became the go to person for help. Angie loved writing and kept journals about what she wanted her life to look like when she grew up. Angie was focused on a career as a journalist. Telling stories was an art of Angie's. Unfortunately, Angie's one weakness would be her downfall. Angie wanted friends to like her and so she was a follower. Before she knew it, Angie followed others right into a life of addiction.

In 1997, Angie admitted to her mother that she was using heroin. Her mother, at the time, was uneducated about the drug and said, "Angie, if you love me you can quit." Angie tried to explain the power of the drug: "Mom, I need this drug like I need air to breathe." After a few months, an overdose, and much begging on her mother's part, Angie agreed that she needed help and signed herself into a treatment facility. Angie stayed there for a few weeks, but the call of heroin was too great. Angie left treatment and returned to her addiction. She called her mother a few days later: "I'm in a black hole and I can't get out." Angie's mother begged her to go back to treatment and Angie said she would call her the next day. They said their usual, "I love you's" and signed off. Having had a few weeks clean, Angie's tolerance had decreased dramatically. On February 10th Angie's body was found near a muddy creek after having been thrown down an embankment by her dealer.

The dealer had left Angie unconscious on his floor from Monday night until Tuesday night while she struggled to breathe. By the time he got home from a party on Tuesday, Angie was dead. The dealer and a friend loaded Angie into his car and dumped her body. The dealer was eventually found and prosecuted for involuntary manslaughter, seven

drug violations including three felonies, and abuse of a corpse.

Despite never having used drugs or alcohol herself, Angie's mother has struggled with addiction all her life. The power that opioids and heroin have had on her children is nothing short of a tragedy. This is a family disease and must be treated as such. Over the eighteen years that she has been working on substance abuse treatment and recovery concerns, there has always been a severe lack of funding. It is time that addiction is treated as it would any other disease that has become a national crisis. Fund the solutions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

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Had I been present, I would have voted no.

CONGRATULATING THE BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

Established on May 9, 1991, the Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) was founded to promote a better understanding of the Civil War and preserve the historic sites associated with War's most important moments. Through lectures, research, field trips and active participation in the stewardship of Civil War sites, the group has made a lasting contribution to the preservation of Civil War history.

In order to promote a passion for history in the next generation, the BRCWRT awards annual scholarships to students who have researched and written about the War's remaining untold stories and mysteries. This year, two scholarships were awarded. I congratulate Brooke Roberts and Aaron Pirnat for receiving these honors.

The BRCWRT also offers a variety of programs featuring knowledgeable, respected Civil War historians, scholars, writers, and lecturers to educate enthusiasts and the general public. I have been proud to be a partner in the promotion and preservation of our region's rich Civil War history during my time in Congress and as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The Civil War was a fateful moment in our nation's history. The War pitted brother against brother and threatened to tear apart the fabric of our young republic. Preservation of historic battlefields, homes, and other monuments ensures that we will never forget the sacrifices and pain the Civil War inflicted upon our nation, and, hopefully, through remembrance and understanding we heed the lessons of our past.